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Good Morning:

Please place this email in Docket #20220148.

Thanks.

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9/7/2022 & TECO HAS  
RATE INCREASES  
SINCE ~~JANUARY~~ 2021  
PSC MEMBER: SEPTEMBER 1,  
GRAHAM: (ATTACHED)

I read in this morning  
(9/7) TAMPA BAY TIMES, TECO,  
FPL AND DUKE ENERGY AGAIN,  
FILED PETITIONS FOR ADDITIONAL RATE  
INCREASES THAT IS NOT WANTED  
AND HAS NOT BEEN EARNED. IT  
APPEARS THAT THE FLORIDA PSC  
MEMBERS CONTINUE TO BE PUPPETS  
AND SLAVES TO THE UTILITY COMPANIES.  
IN 2019, I WROTE A SIMILAR  
LETTER OF PROTEST TO PSC REGARDING  
CONTINUAL RATE INCREASES FOR TECO.  
I OFFER THE SAME TYPE PROOF IN 2019,  
AS I OFFER IN THIS LETTER. ALL RATE  
INCREASES SHOULD BE DENIED!

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Ricky J. Bell



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-173.14 31,145.30	-16.07 3,908.19	-85.96 11,544.91	-17.42 1,792.32	-182.58 19,088.27

<b>GOLD:</b> -\$9.70 \$1,712.90	<b>SILVER:</b> +\$0.03 \$17.91	<b>OIL:</b> -\$0.01 \$86.88	<b>DOLLAR VS. CANADA:</b> -0.0007 0.7603	<b>DOLLAR VS. EURO:</b> -0.0027 0.9902	<b>REG. GAS (TAMPA BAY AAA AVG.):</b> -\$0.015 \$3.480
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# Electric bills likely to rise

If the state Public Service Commission approves, the increases will take effect next year.

**BY JIM SAUNDERS**  
*News Service of Florida*

**TALLAHASSEE** — Florida residents and businesses likely will get hit with higher electric bills in 2023 as utilities continue to struggle with increased costs of natural gas.

Florida Power & Light, Duke Energy Florida and Tampa Electric Co. filed petitions Friday at the state Public Service Commission that detailed expected costs in 2023. If the commission approves the utilities' proposals, each would result in higher monthly bills in 2023.

And that might not be all: The utilities also could seek to pass along higher-than-expected fuel costs from this year, though they are holding off on making such requests.

While utility bills are made up of a combination of costs, a key

driver in the petitions is the high cost of natural gas, which Florida utilities rely on heavily to generate electricity. The three large, privately owned utilities also increased customer bills earlier this year because of gas prices.

"Both domestic conditions and international events have significantly impacted the natural gas market," Duke's petition said. "Since early this year, natural gas prices have more than doubled due to increased domestic demand, flat natural gas production, strong LNG (liquefied natural gas) overseas exports, and low natural gas storage inventories. The natural gas market has not stabilized and continues to be extremely volatile."

As an example of the industry's heavy reliance on natural gas, Tampa Electric expects in 2023 to

use gas to generate 84% of its electricity, with solar accounting for 11% and coal for 5%, John Heisey, director of origination and trading for the company, said in written testimony included with Tampa Electric's petition.

Meanwhile, overall demand for natural gas exceeded supply in 2022, he said.

"Higher gas demand is driven by LNG exports, low coal inventories, extreme summer weather, and low storage inventories," Heisey said in the testimony. "Production growth has been very slow as producers exercise capital discipline despite rising gas prices. In addition, the Ukraine invasion continues to impact the energy markets through increased volatility and uncertainty, which is expected to continue into 2023."

The Public Service Commission

is expected to consider the petitions in November. As a benchmark, utilities typically cite bills for residential customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity a month.

Duke said in its petition that Duke customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours are projected to pay an average of \$170.68 in 2023, up from an average of \$148.23 this year. Tampa Electric said in a news release that Tampa Electric customers would pay \$146.86 in 2023, up from \$132.66 this year.

Because of a merger with the former Gulf Power, FPL has two sets of rates. Its petition said customers who use 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month in areas traditionally served by FPL would pay \$130.23 in 2023, up from \$120.67 this year. In the Northwest Florida areas formerly served by Gulf

Power, customers would pay \$160.43 in 2023, up from \$155.61 in 2022.

Natural gas is not the only factor expected to lead to higher bills: The utilities also are carrying out multiyear plans that include gradually increasing base electric rates.

Utilities generally are allowed to pass along fuel costs to customers and are not supposed to collect profits on those costs. Each year they file petitions that include projected costs for the coming year. The commission then decides whether those projected costs can be baked into customers' bills.

Also, the utilities in 2023 could seek to recoup higher-than-expected fuel costs in 2022. Each has faced higher costs but said in their filings that they want to wait until late this year or early 2023 before addressing the issue.

3/30/2019

Gov. Ron DeSantis ; Senator Bobby Powell:

On March 5, 2019, the Florida Public Service Commission granted Tampa Electric Company its fourth / 4th rate increase in a 15 to 16 month period (1/2018 - 3/2019). The members of the current PSC board and the Public Counsel need to be removed and replaced with PSC members that fairly evaluate and vote on fair and reasonable rate increase, if warranted by the merits. The current PSC members just kiss ass rubber stamp unwarranted and not merit based rate increase. In each of the last four (4) TECO rate increase, TECO has not offer any new or ~~additional~~ services, no new or additional products and basically has no offer shit, but asking for more money.

On March 28, 2019, I received my TECO ~~with~~ bill with TECO writing a motherfucking lie about its rate increase. Attached is a letter I wrote to the PSC/Public Counsel in 3/2018 and ~~letters~~ TECO newsletters received in my monthly bills documenting this Trump' like con game by TECO and the PSC. This bullshit need to be stop and replacing the current PSC board with fair-minded, consumer-based and objective members that are not paid by the Electric Utility. I am not talking naming MF's like Carlos Benoit.

Ricky J. Bell



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# Fuel increase will raise electric bills.

The cost of natural gas, which is used to generate electricity, is passed through from fuel suppliers to you with no markup or profit to Tampa Electric. Due to a significant rise in global natural gas prices, the Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved an increase to customer bills from September through the end of the year. Even with this increase, the typical residential bill would remain among the lowest in Florida and significantly below the national average.

All Florida electric utilities adjust their fuel and capacity costs annually, typically in January. However, when costs are expected to change more than 10 percent, utilities can request an additional adjustment. The PSC's approval will increase the average residential customer's monthly energy bill about 12 percent, or \$12.82 to \$118.07 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of use from \$105.25. Tampa Electric's fuel mix includes natural gas, coal and solar. Beginning in September, the cost of fuel is one-third of a residential customer's bill.

We can help you manage your energy usage and save money. Did you know Tampa Electric offers more energy-saving programs than any other electric company in the state? Check them out at [tampaelectric.com/save](http://tampaelectric.com/save) and get started saving.

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### Approved Rates for September 2021

#### Standard Residential Rate (RS)

Basic Service Charge: \$15.05 per month

#### Energy Charge:

Usage up to 1,000 kWh 5.830 ¢ per kWh

Usage over 1,000 kWh 6.830 ¢ per kWh

#### Fuel Charge:

Usage up to 1,000 kWh 3.938 ¢ per kWh

Usage over 1,000 kWh 4.938 ¢ per kWh

#### Storm Protection Charge:

Storm Protection Charge: 0.239 ¢ per kWh

#### Residential Service Variable Pricing (RSVP-1)

Basic Service Charge: \$15.05 per month

Energy Charge: 5.096 ¢ per kWh

Fuel Charge: 4.255 ¢ per kWh

Storm Protection Charge: 0.239 ¢ per kWh

#### Standard General Service, Non-Demand (GS)

Basic Service Charge: \$18.06 per month

Energy Charge: 6.076 ¢ per kWh

Fuel Charge: 4.225 ¢ per kWh

Storm Protection Charge: 0.251 ¢ per kWh

#### Time-of-Day General Service, Non-Demand (GST)

Basic Service Charge: \$20.07 per month

	On-Peak (¢ per kWh)	Off-Peak (¢ per kWh)
Energy Charge:	13.174	3.633
Fuel Charge:	4.620	4.099
Storm Protection Charge:	0.251 ¢ per kWh	

The rate schedules above are subject to gross receipts taxes, city and state taxes, and franchise fees, where applicable. A late payment charge may be applied to any unpaid balance on your electric bill that is not paid by the past-due date.

The energy charge includes 0.605 cents per kWh for rate schedule RS, (0.443) cents per kWh for rate schedule RSVP-1 (based on P2 pricing - rate can vary based on rate tier), 0.580 cents per kWh for rate schedules GS and GST for the conservation, environmental and capacity cost recovery charges.



# Important Information for Residential and Non-Demand Customers

Effective January 2022

Effective January 2022		
<b>Standard Residential Rate (RS)</b>		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.70 per day	
Energy Charge		
Usage up to 1,000 kWh	6.174 cents per kWh	
Usage over 1,000 kWh	7.174 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge		
Usage up to 1,000 kWh	2.745 cents per kWh	
Usage over 1,000 kWh	3.745 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.329 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.441 cents per kWh	
<b>Residential Service Variable Pricing (RSVP-1)</b>		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.70 per day	
Energy Charge	5.240 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge	3.057 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.329 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.441 cents per kWh	
<b>Standard General Service, Non-Demand (GS)</b>		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.74 per day	
Energy Charge	7.014 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge	3.057 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.315 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.402 cents per kWh	
<b>Time-of-Day General Service, Non-Demand (GST)</b>		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.74	
	<b>On-Peak</b> (cents per kWh)	<b>Off-Peak</b> (cents per kWh)
Energy Charge	10.773	5.723
Fuel Charge	3.318	2.944
Storm Protection Charge	0.315 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.402 cents per kWh	

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The energy charge includes 0.405 cents per kWh for rate schedule RS, (0.844) cents per kWh for rate schedule RSVP-1 (based on P2 pricing - rate can vary based on rate tier), and 0.380 cents per kWh for rate schedules GS and GST for the conservation, environmental, and capacity cost recovery charges.



# Important Information for Residential and Non-Demand Customers

The Florida Public Service Commission (PSC) recently approved an increase to Tampa Electric's 2022 base rates and service charges. The new rates are effective Jan. 1, 2022.

The increase will address growth in rate base and associated depreciation expenses; cost recovery for undepreciated net book value of assets to be retired; modest increases to operations and maintenance expenses to continue providing safe and reliable service that meets customer expectations; and the addition of more solar generation and a highly efficient clean-burning natural gas unit.

Starting in January, you'll see a new line item on your bill called the Clean Energy Transition Mechanism. It will collect the remaining unrecovered costs for certain assets being retired over 15 years. This is a levelized charge that benefits all customers through increased rate certainty and supports the company's efforts to reduce emissions by replacing aging coal-fired generation with clean-burning natural gas and zero-fuel solar generation. It also allows for replacement of retired meters with an Advanced Metering Infrastructure, which will provide customer benefits, such as automated disconnection and reconnection (without a service visit) and associated lower service charges, as well as providing customers with greater access to their usage data in the future.

Despite this cost increase, Tampa Electric's rates will remain among the lowest in the state and will be approximately 13% lower than the national average.

Tampa Electric understands some customers are experiencing financial hardship, and we want to help. We partner with many community agencies to offer programs that support customers in need and offer flexible payment arrangements. More information on resources and programs can be found at [tampaelectric.com/updates](http://tampaelectric.com/updates). Tampa Electric also provides more energy-saving programs than any other utility in the state to help customers manage energy costs. Customers can learn more and sign up at [tampaelectric.com/save](http://tampaelectric.com/save). A variety of appliance calculators also are available online to help customers pinpoint opportunities for savings.

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Service Charges	
Initial Service Connection	\$112.00
Normal Reconnect Subsequent Subscriber	\$10.00
Same Day Reconnect *	\$10.00
Saturday/Sunday/Holiday Reconnect *	\$10.00
Reconnect after Disconnect at Meter for Cause *	\$12.00
Reconnect after Disconnect for Cause at Point Distant from Meter	\$185.00
Field Visit	\$25.00
Tampering Charge Without Investigation	\$50.00
Temporary Service	\$320.00

\* For customers with optional Automated Metering Infrastructure Opt-Out, or others who do not have remote connect capability in their meter, service is only available during normal working hours.



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All Florida electric utilities adjust their fuel and capacity costs annually, typically in January. However, when costs are expected to change more than 10 percent, utilities can request an additional adjustment. The PSC's approval will increase the average residential customer's monthly energy bill will increase about 9 percent, or \$10.96 to \$131.87 for 1,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of use from \$120.91. Tampa Electric's fuel mix includes natural gas, coal and solar. The cost of fuel is one-third of a residential customer's bill.

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### Effective April 2022

Standard Residential Rate (RS)		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.70 per day	
Energy Charge		
Usage up to 1,000 kWh	6.196 cents per kWh	
Usage over 1,000 kWh	7.196 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge		
Usage up to 1,000 kWh	3.791 cents per kWh	
Usage over 1,000 kWh	4.791 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.329 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.441 cents per kWh	
Residential Service Variable Pricing (RSVP-1)		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.70 per day	
Energy Charge	5.262 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge	4.126 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.329 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.441 cents per kWh	
Standard General Service, Non-Demand (GS)		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.74 per day	
Energy Charge	7.035 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge	4.126 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.315 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.402 cents per kWh	
Time-of-Day General Service, Non-Demand (GST)		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.74	
	<b>On-Peak</b> (cents per kWh)	<b>Off-Peak</b> (cents per kWh)
Energy Charge	10.794	5.744
Fuel Charge	4.480	3.974
Storm Protection Charge	0.315 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.402 cents per kWh	

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The energy charge includes 0.427 cents per kWh for rate schedule RS, (0.822) cents per kWh for rate schedule RSVP-1 (based on P2 pricing - rate can vary based on rate tier), and 0.401 cents per kWh for rate schedules GS and GST for the conservation, environmental, and capacity cost recovery charges.

# Bills to increase less than 1 percent

The Florida Public Service Commission approved an increase in Tampa Electric's base rates and charges effective with September bills.

As part of Tampa Electric's base-rate settlement agreement, the company may adjust bills if interest rates reach certain levels. With rising interest rates, Tampa Electric must pay more to borrow money, and those costs are shared by all customers.

For the average residential customer, who uses 1,000 kilowatt-hours a month, the bill will increase by 79 cents, or 0.5 percent (one half of 1 percent). Despite this increase, Tampa Electric's rates will remain among the lowest in the state.

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Basic Service Charge	\$0.71 per day	
Energy Charge		
Usage up to 1,000 kWh	6.243 cents per kWh	
Usage over 1,000 kWh	7.251 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge		
Usage up to 1,000 kWh	3.791 cents per kWh	
Usage over 1,000 kWh	4.791 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.329 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.441 cents per kWh	
<b>Residential Service Variable Pricing (RSVP-1)</b>		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.71 per day	
Energy Charge	5.311 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge	4.126 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.329 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.441 cents per kWh	
<b>Standard General Service, Non-Demand (GS)</b>		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.75 per day	
Energy Charge	7.089 cents per kWh	
Fuel Charge	4.126 cents per kWh	
Storm Protection Charge	0.315 cents per kWh	
Clean Energy Transition Mechanism	0.402 cents per kWh	
<b>Time-of-Day General Service, Non-Demand (GST)</b>		
Basic Service Charge	\$0.75	
	<b>On-Peak</b> (cents per kWh)	<b>Off-Peak</b> (cents per kWh)
Energy Charge	10.879	5.787
Fuel Charge	4.480	3.974
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